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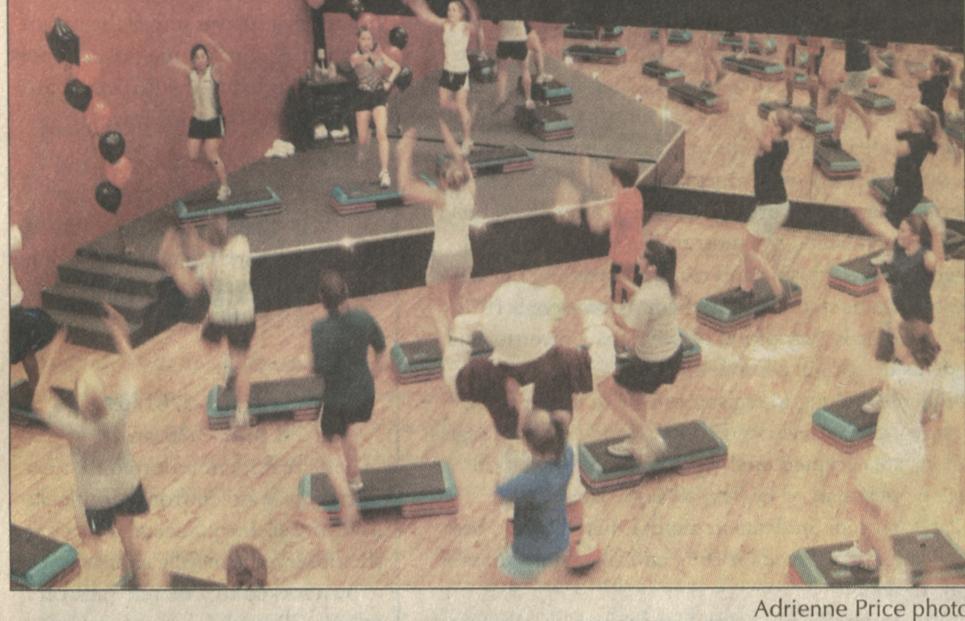
# THE FLYER

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## Fitness Center launches new programs



Adrienne Price photo

Members of the SU community lined up last Tuesday night for the University Fitness Center's new programs. Above, participants feel the burn during the BodyStep program.

By Lauren Sadler  
*Staff Writer*

The University Fitness Center launched three new programs this week, all of them exclusively for students. According to the company's Web site, Les Mills is changing the way the world thinks about fitness, and now students can experience three of their pivotal programs. A fourth will be available in March.

"Les Mills is the biggest and the best. They're a huge organization; their programs are offered in 72 countries and five million people take their classes every week," said Salisbury Fitness Coordinator Kristin Watson.

"People who've taken the classes say they're off the hook. Everyone's super excited," Watson said.

The three new programs offered in the UFC's newly renovated fitness studio are

BodyStep, BodyPump and BodyFlow. Each class is an hour long.

"All of the programs are choreographed by exercise physiologists. They can be challenging, but they're simple once you've learned. The choreography changes every three months," Watson said. The assigned choreography also allows the instructors to properly coach and connect with the participants.

"Free-range teachers don't have that option."

BodyStep is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. The program's choreography is centered around a height-adjustable step. The moves tone and condition the lower body, while increasing cardio fitness and coordination.

BodyPump requires the use of a barbell, which strengthens the entire body at an aerobic pace. A typical class includes chest, back, abdominals, shoulders, biceps and triceps exercises, as well as squats and lunges. According to the Les Mills Web site, participants can burn up to 600 calories per class. Only 30

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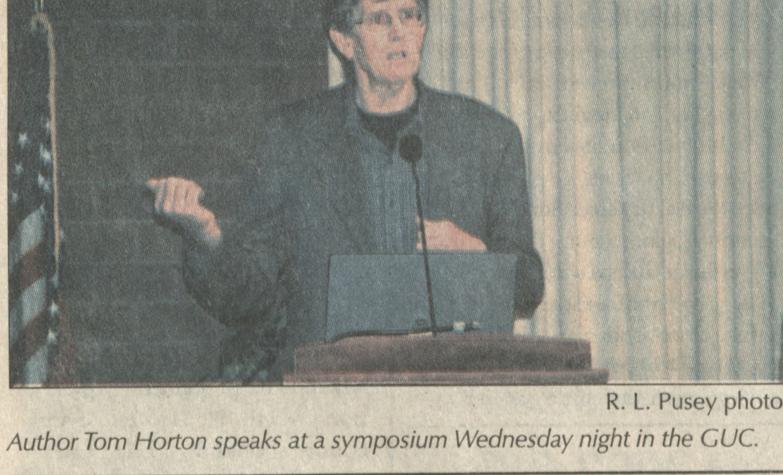
## Growth on the bay

### Horton leads environmental symposium

By Stacie Manger  
*Staff Writer*

Well-known writer Tom Horton, Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) President William Baker and Maryland Department of Planning Director Joe Tassone spoke Wednesday night to

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R. L. Pusey photo

around 300 people about ways to save the Chesapeake Bay.

"There is an assumption that if we just do better, we'll preserve the bay," Horton said.

"This is partly true."

Horton presented three excuses as to why people do not

## Parking Garage Construction



Sarah Jacobs photo

Workers walk through the construction site of Salisbury University's \$16 million parking garage, located on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Bateman Street. The parking garage will provide an additional 850 parking spots. Construction is expected to be complete by summer and the garage will be available for use in the fall.

## SU considers implementing Earth Science B.S. program

By Nick Lehwald  
*Staff Writer*

The Henson School of Science has announced the creation of a new degree track to be offered for the first time in fall 2009. Officially titled Bachelor of Science in Earth Science, it will be run by the Department of Geography and Geosciences in collaboration with the Seidel School of Education.

With the new program, SU will be able to offer bachelor's degrees in all four natural sciences for secondary education majors. This is important because anyone wanting to teach Earth Science must have a degree in it to become certified. With the high demand for qualified math and science teachers, Salisbury University is stepping up its ability to produce them. SU will be the only school on the Eastern Shore to offer such a program, giving students an advantage in the job market after graduation.

While the program is waiting to be approved by the Maryland



Sarah Jacobs photo

Students attempt to cross Rt. 13 at Dogwood Drive Wednesday afternoon.

## Route 13 death sparks student safety concerns

By Jonathan Moynihan  
*Staff Writer*

For students new and old, Route 13 has always been the primary road taken to get around town. However, the highway most used by the residents of Salisbury has become one of the most dangerous avenues for citizens and students alike.

Just this past month, Leon Fontaine, a 40-year-old Wal-Mart employee was hit and killed on his way to work, Salisbury city police said. The investigation is still pending.

"I've personally seen people jaywalking and running across Rt. 13 too many times to count, and it's usually at night," said Jeremy Latimer, an SU alum who suffered a close call this past year while cruising down the highway.

While waiting for the light to change on Route 13, Latimer spotted three young boys running across the street. As the light turned green, Latimer began to drive. As traffic approached, two of the three jay-walkers stopped, but one continued out into the middle of the road.

All of it happened in a split-second

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## Campus goes green

SU participates in national recycling contest

By Vanessa Junkin  
*Staff Writer*

Rosine Johnson, Manager of the SU Horticulture and Grounds department.

"If you look outside, we've paired every trash can with a recycle can," she said.

Students living on campus who decide to recycle can help their residence hall earn points for April's Spring Olympics — and meanwhile, help the environment

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Tara Finney photo

Citron Robins, of SU's horticulture and grounds staff, clears the recycling from the Severn/Chester dumpsite Monday afternoon.

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# Briefly Stated

## Obama Online Campaign Manager Lecture

During the 2008 campaign, presidential candidate Barack Obama was credited with revolutionizing the campaign process through innovative applications of Web-based marketing tools – a feat that helped him get elected to the White House. The brainchild behind that revolution, Obama's online advertising campaign manager Emily Williams, shares some of the strategies used at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Henson Science Hall Room 103. An interactive account executive with MSHC Partners of Washington, D.C., Williams also speaks on life behind the scenes on the digital campaign trail, managing accounts on popular networking sites including Facebook, MySpace and Twitter.

Sponsored by the Perdue School of Business and the SU chapter of the American Marketing Association, her talk is free and the public is invited.

## Support ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps!

Enjoy a meal at UNO Chicago Grill every Thursday during February 2009 from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and up to 20 percent of your bill (excluding tax & tip) will be donated to ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps!

**IMPORTANT:** To participate in this fundraiser, you will need to present a certificate to your server when you pay your bill. Certificates are available online at [www.salisbury.edu/ameri-corps](http://www.salisbury.edu/ameri-corps). Certificates are also available at the ShoreCorps/PALS office, located in the Camden House across Camden Avenue from Severn Hall and the Commons. Thank you for helping us expand the reach of ShoreCorps/PALS - AmeriCorps members on Maryland's Eastern Shore!

## Muslim Student Association Holds Interest Meeting

The Muslim Student Association Interest Meeting is Thursday, Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. in Caruthers 103. Muslims as well as non-Muslims interested in learning more about Islam are invited. The MSA meets each Thursday from 4-6 in Caruthers 103. Can't attend? E-mail [sumsa@salisbury.edu](mailto:sumsa@salisbury.edu) so we can stay in touch!

## Bernstein Award Meeting

Students who would like to learn more about the Bernstein Award Competition and the campus resources available to help them create their plans are invited to an information meeting 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, in Caruthers Hall Room 118. The 2008-2009 Bernstein Award Competition will award \$5,000 to the best plan for a new business. Both individuals and groups are encouraged to enter. Also, the Small Business Administration is offering a Business Plan Seminar 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 17, in Caruthers Hall Room 102. For more information contact Bill Burke, Bernstein Competition interim director, at 410-677-5386 or [wpburke@salisbury.edu](mailto:wpburke@salisbury.edu).

# Weekly Poll

We asked 100 SU students:

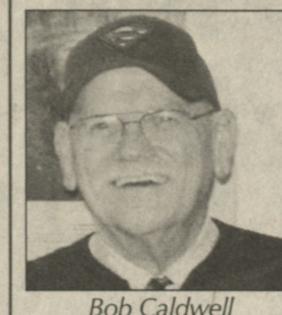
Do you think less of Michael Phelps?

21% 79%

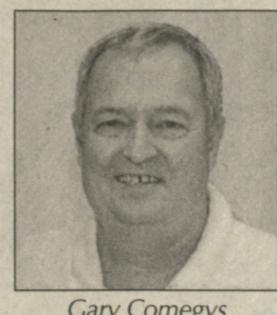
YES NO

# And the race is on!

## Local worthies announce candidacy for mayor



Bob Caldwell



Gary Comegys



Michael Della Penna Jim Irion

By Randon Ryland  
Staff Writer

The city of Salisbury's mayoral primary will be held Saturday, March 3. Candidates include Robert Caldwell, Gary A. Comegys, Michael Della Penna III and Jim Irion. Current mayor Barrie Parsons Tilghman has declined to run for reelection.

All four candidates challenge eligible SU students to register and engage in the political process, as the candidates are well aware of student-community issues such as off-campus housing, neighborhood crime and safety.

Jim Irion is an elementary school teacher, ex-councilman and 1992 SSU alum. He is also part of a student safety treaty affiliated with SU through which he researched crime with students in the fall. Crime and safety are Irion's biggest concern for students, as well as legitimate housing agreements between students and renters. "The safety of students is most important. If our relationship was strained before, safety issues won't do anything to improve that," Irion says. "Safety is what we're here for."

Robert Caldwell served two years as President of the Salisbury City Council and campaigned for mayor once before. He described his attitude toward student-community relations as, "It's possible to overestimate the value of the University to life in Salisbury." Later on he admitted "the relationship between the students and the town tends to have a focus on the negative and it tends to oversee the tremendous benefits from having stu-

dents in the town." To Caldwell, the most important issue is public safety. Caldwell wants city police to improve because "students are pretty much targets for crime and that needs to stop."

Michael Della Penna III owns an automobile business and is nicknamed the Pizza-man from his jobs in food management. If elected, he would provide more oversight on student-housing and challenge city police to work closely with students because "students deserve the best; they're here preparing for their future."

Gary Comegys is currently Salisbury's City Council Vice President. "[The University] is an important part of what Salisbury is," Comegys said, "and I look forward, as mayor, to working with the University to build better relationships. We must realize we do have challenges such as housing and crime and parking but we must work together to solve them." Comegys, a 1972 alum, said he is very proud of what the University and students do for the community.

Students wishing to register to vote in the election must register by Tuesday, Feb. 10. Hand-delivered registrations are accepted until 9 p.m.; mailed registrations must be postmarked by Feb. 10 at the latest.

"Irion keeps students in mind; I think he's the best candidate," said Carrie Griffith, an SU sophomore who plans to vote.

"Mr. Irion was my second grade teacher at St. Francis de Sales. He's a good guy," said Jeff Malcolm, a junior.

Students seeking registration or election info can visit the University's PACE building for more information.

# Career Services beefs up mentor network of alumni

By Sarah Lake  
Editor-in-Chief

jobs, internships or advice to professionals who graduated from SU.

Career Services has used eRecruiting for five years. The program operated on a "token economy." Two months ago, the company upgraded its services and look.

"[Token economy] was a terminology used for the number of contacts you can make in a month's period of time," he said. "You only had ten per month and the reason for that was the mentors were protected from being overwhelmed."

Now, mentors can list how many times they want to be contacted per month. Once the mentor has been contacted a certain number of times, their profile is closed until the beginning of a new month.

There are over 800 mentors within the network and, according to Endicott, most complain they are never contacted.

Craig Abresch, Eastern Shore Regional Library director, said he hasn't been contacted in two or three years. He keeps his name on the list, he said, because the program provides insight to which students would not otherwise have access.

"In a formal classroom setting, you get formal instruction," he said. "Advice and support from a mentor are real, informal experiences."

To brose potential mentors, students can log on at <http://www.salisburyrecruiting.com/en/security/login.jsp> using their Novell log-in name and password.

"80 percent of people find jobs through networking and this is a good tool for that," Endicott said. "I encourage all students to use it."

## SCHOOL GOVERNMENT SGA holds first spring '09 forum

By Laura Bounds  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University Student Government Association (SGA) kicked off the semester on Sunday, Feb. 8 with its first open forum.

After welcoming everyone to a new year, SGA president Pat Gotham addressed the large number of students attending regarding the mission of the association. "This is a great way to voice any concerns you may have," Gotham said. "We are here for you."

Throughout the remainder of the school year, SGA plans to bring in speakers that will talk about different issues concerning the campus. One of those issues discussed at the forum was the parking garage being built on Wayne St., which looks to serve mostly students, but a committee still needs to speak on specifics.

An important segment of the night was spent discussing the eligibility of becoming a Registered Student Organization (RSO) and what the expectations are for such groups. Many new clubs, including a TV News Club and a Medical Career Society, were brought forth and encouraged to seek recognition.

The SGA also welcomed four new members to their 2009 Executive board. Sworn in were Joseph Esposto as Treasurer, Jackie Kohn as Parliamentarian, Phylis Gregorio as Speaker of the Senate and Hayley Eiland as Executive Vice President.

## Programs

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Adrienne Price photo  
Sophomore Emily Cohn takes a breather Tuesday night during the BodyStep program held at the new University Fitness Center.

people can participate per class because of the limited number of barbells, Watson said.

Bodyjam, available in March, is all about dancing. According to the Les Mills Web site, "it's like the Spanish Inquisition with a hip-hop soundtrack." Its dance moves develop coordination at a high-rate cardio pace. Some of the dance moves include a step, ball change, samba, a step and a "freakin' fakin' house block."

Each program incorporates appropriate popular music from

every genre. This encourages participants to sing along, which enhances and challenges heart rates even more. Flo Rida's "In the Ayer" is played during Bodyjam, Nick Shitz's "Listen to Your Heart" and "Lost!" by Coldplay is heard during BodyFlow. New songs are offered with the new choreography every three months.

To view the full schedule of classes and times offered at the UFC, go to <http://www.salisbury.edu/campusrec>.

Adrienne Price photo

# Crime Beat

1/14/09-1/21/09

4:30 p.m.-8 a.m.

Theft- A faculty member reported that two small flags and a computer printed image were stolen from within his Holloway Hall office.

1/31/09 1:34 a.m.

Intoxicated Student- University Police responded to Chester Hall in reference to an intoxicated student passed out in a stairwell. During the course of this incident, the student was uncooperative and argumentative with housing staff. University Police identified the student and found that he was under the age of 21 years. A copy of the police report was forwarded to the Office of Student Affairs for review.

1/31/09-2/01/09

12:30-4:20 a.m.

Missing Person- University Police received a report of a missing person (student). The student was located.

1/27/09-2/01/09

1 p.m.-3:20 p.m.

Theft- A student reported that her bicycle was stolen from Monticello Ave. in Salisbury. Several days later, she found a bicycle similar to her own locked to a bicycle rack on campus. The case is under investigation.

2/03/09-2/04/09

4 p.m.-11:30 a.m.

Malicious Destruction of Property- Someone spray-painted graffiti upon the Pergola at the rear of the G.U.C.

## Horton

Continued from Pg. 1 involve themselves with saving the bay activism. He said people are reassured that we can resolve issues without worrying about growth, concerned with economic prosperity and the idea of "grow or die" and sometimes feel preservation is just too hard.

"We built an economy on never-ending growth," Horton said. "Now we're in economic peril; we're not growing."

Horton said we need to break away from this grow or die idea and talking about limiting growth does not mean economics, it means shifting the focus from quantity to quality.

Horton had a few solutions; one is limiting immigration, which is 82 percent of population growth. He also said every county should do a build-out analysis and down zone with regards to fairness. Additionally a state commission should be created to analyze real costs and benefits of growth.

"People also think the solution is global. But there are so many nations and if they ever acted in concert, I have yet to know," he said.

Baker agreed with everything Horton presented, but elaborated on the work CBF has done to save the bay. He said this is a fragile planet and the idea of "fewer people equals less pollution" is a fact.

"The only way to overcome population growth is a systems approach to save the bay," Baker said. He said CBF is currently suing the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) because they are in violation of and are not enforcing the Clean Water Act. CBF also got involved when Blue Plains, a treatment plant, tried to increase their level of pollutants. CBF fought and won and the levels were not raised.

Tasone spoke in response to a paper Horton wrote. He said many aspects of our quality of life, land, air and water are impacted by population.

"Limits on human presence need to be enacted, but we have to think of where and how to make them happen," he said.

"The Chesapeake Bay is the heart of America's birthplace," Baker said. "We're not ready to give up on it, so be prepared to fight."

# SGA hosts Renter's Fair

By Samantha Ernest  
Staff Writer

Thirteen rental agencies set up shop in the Link of Nations Feb. 3 and 4. Organized by the SGA, the Renter's Fair gave students an opportunity to explore rental options during these tough economic times. The fair also presents an opportunity for rental agencies to market their property. Due to the recent economic downturn the country is facing, many businesses are losing sales and are being forced to close.

A multitude of amenities are offered by the rental agencies to accommodate the renters' needs and wants. Almost every rental agency on campus offered between two to four bedrooms houses and/or apartments. Depending on the agency, some amenities include CAC, full W/D, dishwasher, and are pet friendly.

"Not many students know if they want to rent an apartment or house, and so the Renter's Fair gives students the opportunity to look into all their options," said lead organizer Bobby Audley, SGA's VP of External Affairs.

However, some rental agencies were a little more concerned about what the future might hold. When asked if the economy has made any impact on their sales, Melinda Long of

Long Rental Properties said,

"Not yet because we recently just started renting property. It is hard to tell now because some parents are losing their jobs and are being forced to pull their kids out of school, so this could be the deciding factor."

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"We have not noticed much change in student apartments; however, we have had a ten percent decrease in sales with non-student apartments," said Donnie Williams, owner of Advanced Property Rentals.

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# New Major

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Higher Education Commission, the outlook around Henson is optimistic.

"We don't expect any problems being approved," said Dr. Karen Olmstead, Dean of the Henson School of Science. "This won't cost the state anything and we already have the groundwork laid out."

The Henson School will be informed about whether the program has been officially approved in April.

The new Earth science track will focus on the principles and techniques used by geoscientists. Students will be required to take courses in subjects such as historical geology, chemistry and geography. The Earth science/secondary education track will focus on methods needed to teach Earth science on the middle and high school levels. Many of the courses required will include coastal processes and historical geology as well as courses in education, chemistry, physics and biology. Since many of these classes will include a lab component, they will be offered as four credits and will not have an enhanced curriculum.

The demand for this program has been voiced not only by SU students, but also by the Department of Education and many school districts on the Eastern Shore. Proponents of the new program anticipate that with the ever-increasing demand for teachers and geoscientists in the area, SU will provide an ever-larger pool of candidates from which to fish. It will also give SU students an extra advantage after graduation when seeking jobs in what have become very competitive fields.

# Recyclemania

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by taking part in RecycleMania, which began Jan. 18 and continues until March 31.

A competition is taking place on SU's campus, with residents divided into three teams: the high rises, the residences surrounding the quad and the upperclassmen residence halls.

"We should all recycle. It's something that should always be done," Finney said.

Diana Federici, Area Director for the quad residence halls and an advisor for the Residence Hall Association, said students are given an incentive to recycle with this program.

Last year, the upperclassmen residence halls won the competition at SU, noted Dave Fleming, AD of the

# GLOBAL

February 10, 2009

## Phelps caught in the act

By Sarah Duffy  
Staff Writer

American Olympic hero Michael Phelps was caught smoking marijuana when a photo surfaced of him with a bong at a party in November. The 14-time gold medalist has been suspended from USA Swimming for three months. Phelps will be eligible to return to competition in May, two months before the 2009 World Championships in Rome. The Olympic swimmer has come to terms with the suspension.

"It's not my decision, it's theirs," Phelps said to the *Kansas City Star* on Feb. 6. "It's fair. Obviously, for a mistake, you should get punished."

Phelps, 23, admitted on Sunday, Feb. 1 that the photo, first appearing in the tabloid *News of the World*, was him. The Olympic swimmer connects his drug use to his age and poor judgment.

"I'm 23-years-old and despite the successes I've had in the pool, I acted in a youthful and inappropriate way," Phelps said to Fox News on Feb. 2.

Phelps will sit out of several smaller meets, and the suspension includes the withdrawal of a monthly \$1,750 stipend provided to national team members. Having never tested positive for drugs, the suspension sets a precedent for other athletes who could be suspended without a positive result on a drug test.

"As a youth sports organization with hundreds of thousands of young athletes, we simply felt that it was important to send a message that we thought to be in the best interest of Michael, USA Swimming, the Olympic Movement and the sport," said Chuck Wielgus, director of USA Swimming, in *The Baltimore Sun* on Feb. 7. "The decision was not made quickly or easily, and many were consulted in the process. I also want to stress that this decision was made in collaboration with Michael and he was in no way coerced or threatened; to his credit, he participated in the process and voluntarily accepted the reprimand."

So far, most of Phelps' sponsors are staying with him; however, Kellogg Company announced it will not attempt to renew its deal when it expires at the end of the month. Subway is the only sponsorship that has not made a statement saying it will continue using him as a spokesman. The company removed all references to Phelps from the front page of its Web site. Other companies such as Mazda, Omega and Speedo stand behind the Olympian and continue their sponsorships.

This is not Phelps' first run-in with the law. In 2004, after winning six Olympic gold medals in Athens, he was arrested for driving under the influence in Salisbury. A sentence of 18 months probation was assigned after pleading guilty to the crime. In response to a guilty plea of driving while impaired, prosecutors dropped charges of driving under the influence, underage drinking and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Phelps is continuing to practice, despite the suspension, but is unsure if he will perform at the 2012 Olympics which will take place in London.



NEWS OF THE WORLD

The above photo of Phelps hitting a bong at a college party in November was first run in the British tabloid *News of the World*.

## HISTORY CORNER

**February 10**  
1931 - New Delhi becomes the capital of India.

**February 11**  
1933-In round 13 of a boxing match at New York City's Madison Square Garden, Primo Carnera knocks out Ernie Schaaf, killing him.

**February 12**  
1999 - President Bill Clinton is acquitted by the United States Senate in his impeachment trial.

**February 13**  
2000 - The last original "Peanuts" comic strip appears in newspapers one day after Charles M. Schulz dies.

**February 14**  
1929 - St. Valentine's Day Massacre: Seven people, six of them gangster rivals of Al Capone's gang, are murdered in Chicago, Illinois.

**February 15**  
1849-In New York City, James Knox Polk becomes the first serving President of the United States to have his photograph taken.

**February 16**  
2005-YouTube, the popular Internet site on which videos may be shared and viewed by others, is launched in the United States.

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## Middle East in turmoil from Israel-Gaza conflict

By Meredith Ray  
Staff Writer

An informal, temporary truce between Israel and Hamas was declared Jan. 18 when Israel pulled their troops from the Gaza Strip after three weeks of fighting. The violence and conflict has continued intermittently since the temporary cease-fire, as no official peace treaty has yet been agreed upon. A rocket from Hamas-controlled Gaza landed in the Israeli city of Ashkelon Tuesday. Israel has fought back by bombing tunnels on the border between Egypt and Gaza.

"It appears that Hamas is out to deliberately undermine any chance for quiet," said Mark Regev, spokesman for Israel Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. "Allowing the launching of deadly rockets at Israeli cities, Hamas alone holds responsibility for any possible escalation."

In return for a peace treaty lasting at least one year, Hamas, the Palestinian group ruling Gaza, demands that any treaty include the opening of borders into Gaza, which have been closed by Egypt and Israel for the past 18 months. Hamas also wants some control in monitoring the border crossings as recognition of their power. At this point, Israel will not agree to have the borders fully opened or to give Hamas any role in their patrol. They fear that weapons will be smuggled into Gaza across the Egyptian border, which happened in the past.

Cities in Gaza have undergone considerable damage from Israeli rockets. Homes, buildings and transportation have been destroyed. Thirty-seven primary and secondary schools have been severely damaged, with others serving as shelters. Civilians have been unable to receive supplies or help throughout the destruction. Israel intercepted and demanded its return.

Gaza medics place the death toll at over 1,300, although Israel claims this number is exaggerated. No total has been released by Israel.

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Meanwhile, Egypt continues its mediation efforts, but with no results. Officials had hoped a treaty could be completed by Thursday; however, too many disagreements



AP photo

Israeli soldiers return to Israel from the northern Gaza Strip, Sunday, Jan. 18. Israel declared a unilateral cease-fire in the Gaza Strip on Sunday.

caused Hamas leaders to return to Gaza. As Hamas delegates left Cairo and returned to Gaza at the Rafah crossing, an Egyptian border guard confiscated \$9 million and 2 million euros, hidden in suitcases. Egypt plans to continue negotiations. Israel hopes to come to terms soon with an election taking place in less than a week.

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## Daschle withdraws nomination as Obama's health secretary

By Kelley Matney  
Staff Writer

Last week, former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle withdrew his nomination to be President Barack Obama's Secretary of Health and Human Services. His nomination withdrawal was due to a great deal of attention focused on mistakes that forced Daschle to pay \$140,000 in back taxes.

"Tom made a mistake, which he has openly acknowledged. He has excused it, nor do I," Obama said in a White House statement. He added that the "mistake" should not lessen the "many contributions" Daschle has made to the country.

"If 30 years of exposure to the challenges inherent in our system has taught me anything, it has taught me that this work will require a leader who can operate with the full faith of Congress and the American people, and without distraction," Daschle said in a statement.

"Right now, I am not that leader, and will not be a distraction."

These events have taken some attention from President Obama's attempt to drive his economic stimulus plan through the Senate; the events have also caused difficulties with an initiative that Daschle had to refurbish the American health care system.

"I will not be the architect of America's health system reform, but I remain one of its more fervent supporters," Daschle said.

Daschle was one of Obama's initial supporters on the campaign trail.

In the days before his withdrawal, Senators seemed reluctant to publicly oppose Daschle's nomination. But the tide seems to change the morning of Feb. 3, when Republican Senator Jim Demint called for Obama to withdraw Daschle's nomination — thus being the first to declare that the former majority leader's tax issues were a basis to exclude him.

Daschle has since paid \$146,000 in back payments and interest, and apologized for what he called income tax errors.

Obama's pick to be the White House's first performance officer, Nancy Killeffer, also withdrew her nomination because of her own tax problems.

The nominees' tax problems also gave Republicans a new argument against President Obama and his party as the economic debate proceeded: that Democrats are inconsiderate about taxing other people because they themselves do not obey the tax laws.

Some lawmakers on Tuesday expressed surprise at Daschle's decision to withdraw.

"I believe that when the smoke clears and the frenzy has ended, no one will believe that this unwritten mistake should have erased 30 years of selfless public service and remarkable legislative skill and expertise on health care," Senator John Kerry said in a statement.

## Libyan dictator elected chairman of African Union

By Daniel McElwain  
Staff Writer

Africa's 53-member assembly has elected President Moammar Gadhafi of Libya as the chairman of the African Union on Feb. 1. Gadhafi will be taking the African Union's yearly-rotating chairman position from the Tanzanian president, Jakaya Kikwete. Libya's official news agency has reported that Gadhafi, in his role as AU chairman, will try "to make a decision on establishing an executive instrument for the AU, to push Africa forward to become African united states, such as the United States of Africa."

For many years, Gadhafi was a man os-

traced by the West due to the Libyan president's history of supporting terrorism and coming to power in a coup in 1969. The bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 in the late 1980s did a lot to condemn the Libyan ruler though the country has never admitted to having carried out the attack. In 2003, Gadhafi renounced terrorism and made steps to thrust Libya into global affairs. In 2006, Libya was taken off the United States' list of states supporting terrorism.

State Department spokesman Robert Wood, on America's relationship with the African Union under Gadhafi, said, "In terms of our working with the AU, we're going to continue, because we have a lot of interests and joint interest in terms of trying to bring peace and stability and economic development and delivery of humanitarian assistance to the continent where it's needed."

At his summit Monday in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Gadhafi expressed hope to bring up the issue of his "United States of Africa" at the next African Union summit meeting in July. Gadhafi, with a few ardent supporters, has held a long dream of entirely changing the face of Africa. In his dream, Gadhafi hopes to unite the many independent post-colonial states into a vast unified state that would play a powerful role in global affairs. Africa would have a single currency, army, and passport for the entire continent of Africa, minus the North-

Western country of Morocco which left the African Union over the issue of its separatist West Saharan territory. While Gadhafi does have his supporters, there are many who wish to go a more slow-paced route for eventual unification of Africa.

Still, many are supportive of Gadhafi as the African Union faces a series of upheavals among many governments as new faces rise to lead African countries. Additionally, there is unrest within Madagascar, bids to indict Sudan's president for war crimes, increasing pirate raids from Somalia, civil war in the Congo, and Robert Mugabe hangs onto power in a collapsing Zimbabwe.



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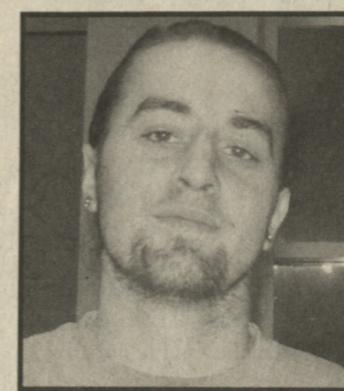
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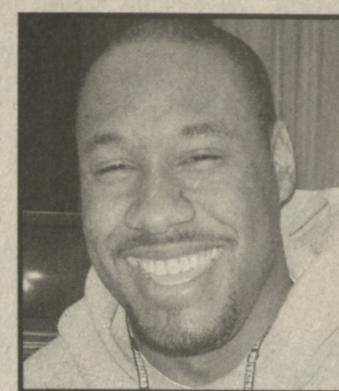
"Drop dead!"

Adam Strickland - super senior



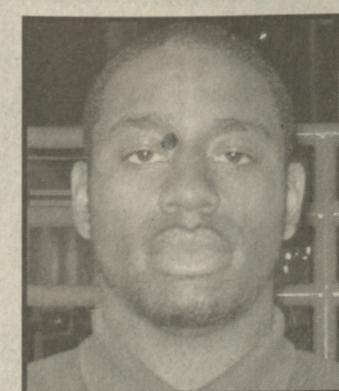
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Chris "Curly" Ward - sophomore



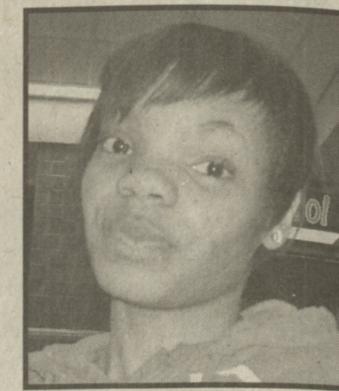
"I'd tell him to shoot his arrow at Telecia."

Jeremy Harris - junior



"People can find mates on their own, they don't have to be conned."

Sean Turner - junior



"Why do you have a wasted holiday?"

Tiffany Wilson - freshman

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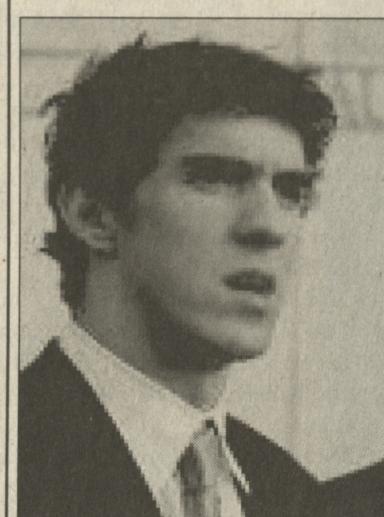
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## No one is perfect



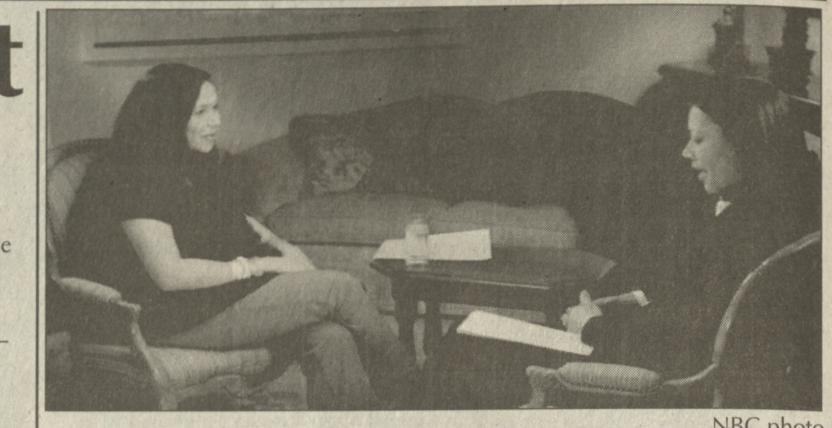
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Michael Phelps

and awes those of us who have seen him swim, but there is not really any more reason to adulterate him. Yes, he's probably a nice guy, but after considering his past run in with bad judgment—in 2004 Phelps was arrested for DUI at the age of 19—there is even less reason to have held him up as a role model to begin with.

Second, is what Phelps did really that wrong? Yes, he used an illegal substance, but so has about 37 percent of the population of this country. Let's face it, smoking marijuana is not exactly behavior only attributable to hardened criminals and drug addicts. In addition, alcohol and tobacco are commonly-used legal substances that have negative effects as destructive as marijuana, or more so. And contrast what he did in November to his DUI. The latter is by far a worse crime since he could have killed someone with his recklessness, yet he only received 18 months probation, a small fine and had to attend a MADD meeting.

Third, should Phelps be charged for his most recent mistake? Yes, if possible. As flawed as the marijuana policies in this country are, there should not be deference of justice just because Phelps is famous. That would establish a fundamentally unjust double standard.

First, why should we even consider Phelps to be a role model? He's a phenomenal swimmer to be sure, but that does not mean that we should dub him someone worthy of emulation. He's an athlete, not a moral leader. Yes, he provides inspiration for those who wish to excel at athletics



Nadya Suleman, left, speaks with NBC's Ann Curry on Thursday, Feb. 5 in Suleman's first interview since giving birth to octuplets last week.

## If eight is enough, 14 is ridiculous

By Kyra Milbourne  
Staff Writer

Last week, the media erupted with the story of the mother of octuplets, Nadya Suleman, 33, gave birth Jan. 26 to six boys and two girls. Suleman underwent in-vitro fertilization to get pregnant. What really made this story notable, other than the fact that she is only the second American to have octuplets, is the fact that she already has six children at home, ages ranging from two to seven. As if the situation cannot possibly get any worse, we learn that Suleman isn't married and lives at home in a modest, single-story two-bedroom home.

The doctor responsible has not been revealed, but is being criticized for assisting Suleman even though she has six kids. I don't think he should be to blame for her desires, he was just doing what he gets paid to do. Who is he to say that six kids are enough?

I do feel that Suleman's

mother, Angela, is responsible for her daughters' actions. If she had kicked her daughter out and made her grow up, her daughter wouldn't think that motherhood is such a walk in the park. And to think that our tax money will go to take care of Suleman and her kids is very irritating. There are many mothers out here that have kids under the assumption the government will make sure they live comfortably with our money. From food stamps to HUD to assisted living, our tax dollars support those who decide not to work but to stay at home and bear children. A friend of Suleman said the public will not have to assist the Suleman family in raising 14 kids; they have enough money.

However, according to the news, Angela Suleman filed for bankruptcy last March. The government cannot continue to allow these types of mothers to depend on the taxpayers' dollars to keep them afloat and to support them and their offspring.

## Thank you, Congressman Kratovil

By Chad Grills  
Staff Writer



1st District Congressman Frank Kratovil

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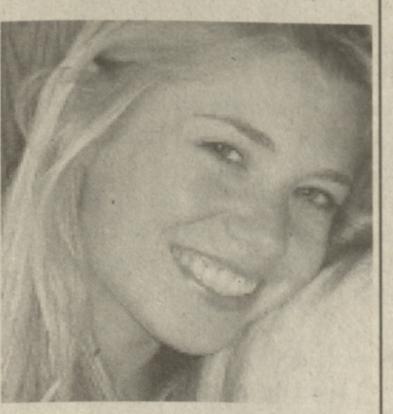
In the recent first district congressional election, Frank Kratovil defeated Andy Harris and took office in January. Mr. Kratovil insisted that if elected, he would fight against reckless spending. Campaign promises made by politicians are often discarded; they wouldn't be mainstream politicians if they weren't the case. Congressman Kratovil won, and will soon be staring down an economic "crisis" with his campaign promises against carelessness still resonating in the public arena. After Mr. Kratovil's vote on the current stimulus bill in the house, I had good reason to write an e-mail thanking him for his position and courage on the issue.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was the House of Representatives' current \$819 billion dollar answer to the current economic situation. Upon detailed examination, this bill is nothing more than a 647-page wish list of government spending. I guess the bill's title is semi-accurate, since America will be reinvesting in a new chunk of government debt. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that only \$92 billion dollars would be spent this year. It hardly seems like much of a stimulus if only 11 percent of the bill will be spent this year. Next year, the CBO estimates \$225 billion will be "reinvested" just in time for political re-election campaigns! This is a strong incentive for Congressmen Kratovil to turn aside from his own beliefs, and for this, I say "Thank you."

The Speaker of the House, Nancy Pelosi, and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer hold extensive power in the House. As new congressmen are wise to curry favor, it

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By Casey Wachter  
Staff Writer

I just transferred to Salisbury and am having a hard time meeting people. All the girls on my hall are already really close or seem to have a clique of their own. How can I find a group of friends since everyone already seems so close?

Talk to the girls on your floor and see what they're interested in. Ask them what clubs or sports they play and see if you can attend their next meeting. It will give you something in common to talk about, plus you'll meet people at the meeting as well.

Listen and ask questions when meeting new people. By being a good listener, let others know that you value what they have to say and, by extension, who they are.

Another way to meet people is by joining a sorority on campus or even just attending recruitment. Panhellenic recruitment is the week of Feb. 8-13 and is a way to meet a variety of girls who also may have transferred here or who live in other dorms. Even if you decide Greek life isn't for you, you will meet a very diverse group of girls in the process.

If you are shy but want to talk to people on your floor, start a conversation by complimenting them. When giving a compliment, be honest and genuine. Even if you're complimenting something very small it's likely to be appreciated. Also, detach yourself from technology and come out of your room every once in awhile. You're less likely to notice who's interested in you if you're constantly checking your email, voicemail and text messages. Being online or on the phone also sends the message to others that you're unavailable.

Getting a part-time job or talking to people in class and forming study groups is a great way to meet people and you'll also be accomplishing something. Bring snacks and share what's going on in your life. You'll have new friends before you know it.

But Stiles finds the work rewarding and worth the effort.

The work isn't all fun and games, though. A lot of hard work and dedication must be put into the program.

For some, the hospital is an unnerving location, to be avoided. But to Salisbury University senior Kaitlyn Stiles, it is a place overflowing with information, research and employment.

Stiles spends much of her time in the Salisbury area hospitals to complete her clinical rotation for school. She is in the Clinical Laboratory Science / Medical Technology program, which is



Dr. Matthew Dunlap performs in the Fulton Gallery Thursday as part of the Guitars in the Gallery series.

## Guitars in the Gallery

By Casey Wachter  
Staff Writer

ences, he has worked at many places, from elementary schools to colleges. This was his first time at Salisbury. During the performance, Dunlap played three pieces.

"I really enjoyed myself at Salisbury. I look forward to coming back. All the girls on my hall are already really close or seem to have a clique of their own. How can I find a group of friends since everyone already seems so close?" Dunlap said.

Dr. Danielle Cumming of the music department put the Guitars in the Gallery series together. There are at least three more events within the guitar gallery series during the semester.

"It offers our students and public community a chance to hear an incredible talent. It also shows people that there is an active guitar scene at Salisbury University. I am really excited to be doing this because it is a fun series to have going," Cumming said.

The Guitars in the Gallery series is an opportunity for students to hear and get to know some emerging professionals. The next performance in the series is a guitar duo on March 5.

## What's Cooking? Recipes for a tight budget



Kahlua Chocolate Spiced Cakes

By Mike Piorunski  
Staff Writer

When I think about Valentine's Day, I immediately think of chocolate - especially dark chocolate. Chocolate truffles would be the ultimate indulgence, but this chocolate cake recipe is not too shabby. I adapted this Individual Kahlua Chocolate Spiced Cakes recipe from a recipe in David Lebovitz's "The Great Book of Chocolate" (Ten Speed Press, 2004). I love this cake recipe because I like giving the mugs to friends as gifts. The Kahlua and spices really give the cake a unique flavor. Serve with a dollop of plain yogurt and some fresh berries.

Individual Kahlua Chocolate Spice Cakes:

10 ounces of good quality bitter-sweet or dark chocolate, chopped  
4 tablespoons salted butter  
4 tablespoons sugar, divided  
4 large eggs at room temperature (separate yolks from whites)  
2 teaspoons Kahlua  
(1 teaspoon vanilla extract if not using K

## Environmental, International film series held at SU

### Film Series Calendar of Events

**February 12**

Two films:  
*Playing with Poison and Good Riddance!*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

An anthropologist's research on pesticide effects on children's development between towns and towns without exposure that is a wake up call to parents and community leaders. Then a light-hearted film follows the exploits of Eco, the clean, green pest controller with a clever biological solution for every pest problem. But getting rid of pests the clean and green way isn't always easy; sometimes the solutions don't quite work the way he hopes.

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

**February 23**

*Gharam fi al-Karnak (Love in Karnak)*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

The film tells a fictionalized account of the founding of Egypt's first national folkloric dance group, The Reda Troupe.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**March 2**

*Ru Guo Ai (Perhaps Love)*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

In the spirit of *Moulin Rouge*, the film has a Bollywood musical twist and is the vision of the cinematographer of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**February 16**

*Crashshoot*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

"Crashshoot is an informative and occasionally humorous look at the pros and cons of the sewer system. Great film for anyone who wants to know about one of the world's most taboo subjects." - Greenmuz.com

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

*Vastanulessal (Headwind Hall) - Estonia*  
Sponsored by The Four Embassies

This documentary follows one man's crazy idea of building an opera house on an island inhabited by one person.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

**February 26**

*Swim for the River*

Sponsored by W.E.T.

Chris Swain swims the entire length of the Hudson River, linking together stories of the river, from the Adirondack Mountain wilderness to New York City. We meet heroes and public indifference, and also see how ordinary citizens can and do make a difference.

7:30 p.m. Henson Hall 103

**March 9**

*Fuera de jue go (Offsides)*

Sponsored by The Four Embassies

This film tells the story of Juan, a shy young man who dreams of emigrating to escape his world of suffocating poverty.

7 p.m. Caruthers Hall Auditorium

Compiled by Rachael Stone

### Delmarva Environmental Film Festival

Over the months of February and March, the Wicomico Environmental Trust (W.E.T.) and SU's Bioenviro Club will be hosting the 2009 Delmarva Environmental Film Festival. The eco-friendly documentaries will be shown every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Henson 103 to students, faculty and members of the public.

The series is split up into four separate categories: Organic Farming/Pesticide Use, Recycling and Waste Management, Waste Management and Disposal and River Conservation. Experts will discuss and comment on the films after they have been shown.

The first film shown, the Canadian-made "Addicted to Plastics," is a documentary that revealed the importance of plastic in our society and confirmed just how easily it can be used as a pollutant. The documentary also showed the value of plastic in other countries, particularly India and Kenya, where it is sacred.

Linda Harmon, the chair of the festival, said that WET & The SU Bioenviro Club started the festival three years ago under the leadership of John Groutt, W.E.T. board member.

"I started the coordination last year and did the selection this year based on interests expressed last year by attendees," Harmon said. "Our intent is to educate the public and raise awareness about environmental issues that affect the Eastern Shore region."

The next film shown in this festival will be "Crashshoot," which will look at the failure of our current sewage disposal system.

Aside from the Environmental Film festival, another film series is being held on campus this February. SU is one of the four locations hosting this festival. The other locations are Frostburg University, Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts in Annapolis and Towson University. The World International Film Festival, hosted by the World Artist Experiences, INC. Ambassador Program, will begin Feb. 16 and have screenings each Monday through March 9. The films will be shown in Caruthers Auditorium at 7 p.m.

The third film, on China, is in some sense a Chinese version of *Moulin Rouge*. The documentary is an intriguing Chinese backstage musical built around the notion of life as a movie.

A fourth film featuring Ecuador tells the story of a young man who dreams of immigrating to escape his world of suffocating poverty.

With the economic climate being as it is today, it may be best to learn about these exotic countries via film instead of traveling. The festival is free of admission and open to the public.

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### A facebook application with a worthwhile cause

By Cara Barrett  
Staff Writer

Anyone who has participated in Relay for Life at Salisbury University knows that it is a tremendous presence on campus.

Colleges Against Cancer (CAC), which works through the American Cancer Society and organizes Relay for Life on college campuses, promotes cancer awareness, advocates for those affected by cancer and informs the campus community about cancer prevention. CAC also offers a scholarship for students who have been diagnosed with cancer.

A major goal of CAC chapter co-president Lauren Friedman has is to raise \$100,000. "Hopefully [the application] will encourage more people to fundraise and [make it] easier for people our age," Friedman said.

Friedman said the Facebook application makes donating "more accessible rather than traditional fundraising methods."

The SU chapter of CAC includes a 15 member committee who assist in organizing Relay for Life along with about 45 active members. If interested in becoming involved with CAC or Relay for Life e-mail [cac@salisbury.edu](mailto:cac@salisbury.edu) or [relay4life@salisbury.edu](mailto:relay4life@salisbury.edu).

So where does Relay for Life and Facebook cross paths? This

happens through the new Relay for Life Fundraising Facebook application.

By adding this application fundraising progress, including how much has been earned as well as a specific goal, will be displayed on a Facebook profile. The opportunity for others to donate is also available. This application also allows for fundraising updates to be sent to friends. Additionally, the user with the application can receive tips about fundraising.

The SU chapter of CAC most recently promoted Breast Cancer Awareness when the Sex and the City movie was shown on campus. The CAC chapter at SU is ranked number one nationally for advocacy and is the only Leader of Hope chapter in its division.

Due to the successful fundraising efforts that Relay participants have achieved, Salisbury University is ranked number three in the nation, per capita, for the amount of money raised.

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### Unordinarily S(h)ane

Should single people be Valentine's Day rejects?

By Shane Hill  
Staff Writer

This past weekend I went to a showing of High School Musical 3. Although the high school itself was more faux than an orange tan, and far more expensive, the motifs were ever so surrealistically portrayed. In reality, a place we live in that I call "the here and now," you don't always end up in Happily Ever After, although on occasion you do have those Troys and Gabriellas who go to college barely separated from their loved ones. So I wondered, in a society so consumed with the idea of love and the pressures of being a "we" so much so that's a holiday for it, I wonder what happened to the "I's"?

Most of us would rather starve than eat alone in the Commons, let alone publicly denounce such a loved holiday like Valentine's Day. It was the social equivalent of wearing a scarlet A on one's chest for "Alone." Even the alternative, Singles Awareness Day (SAD) carries an even more pathetic acronym.

Each year it's the same goal, even new years resolution, for myself and countless other singles to find a special someone to call our valentine. Years back we sent Barbie and Power Rangers cards, candy grams and other affectionate things to our crushes, and now, ten years later, what has changed? Hallmark cards, chocolates and roses? So I ask what happens to the rest of us without that significant other or anonymous crush? Will we forever be the holiday rejects?

Who said we aren't allowed to write self sonnets and treat ourselves to an evening out once in a while? In math we learn that one plus one is two, and two is greater than one, but who said that an "I" is less than, not equal to, a "we?" And most importantly, who said we cannot love ourselves, in a non-narcissistic way of course?

So if you're worried your Friday the 13th curse is the cause for an unanticipated Feb. 13 plans, know what happens is your choice, independent of societal expectations, whether it be a romantic dinner for two or a movie night party of one.

### Career services hosts annual workshop series

By Jacqueline Miller  
Staff Writer

Career Services is hosting a variety of workshops this month to prepare students for the approaching job fairs. Topics ranging from how to get a job in a down economy to how to approach a job fair in 30 minutes or less will be held by knowledgeable individuals and are customized to student's needs.

"I would absolutely recommend attending one of the workshops. It allows you to get advice from someone with experience," said junior Ryan Protzko after attending a resume workshop.

The job fair isn't only beneficial to graduating seniors on the job hunt but also for those looking for an internship position. There will be four job fairs, each intended for a different purpose.

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The general job and internship fair is intended for all majors except health and education. It will

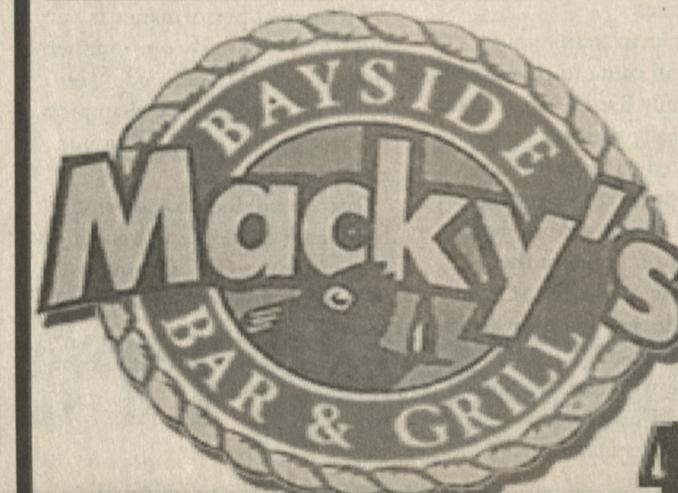
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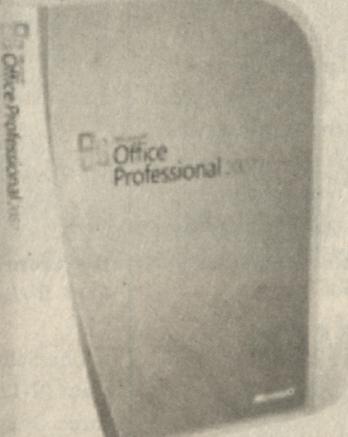
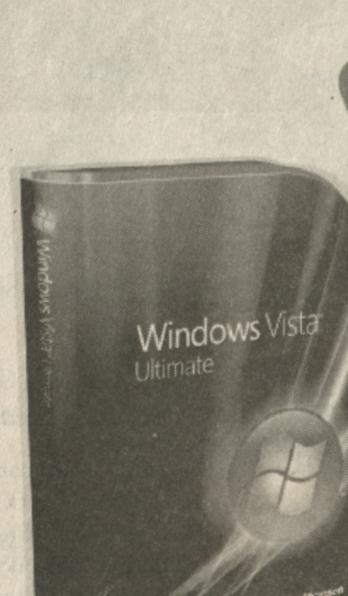
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# SPORTS

February 10, 2009

## Fugett and Turner deliver dominating performances

By Jonathan Murga  
Staff Writer

The physical differences between junior Brandon Fugett and sophomore Katy Turner are substantial, but both recently set Salisbury University records in their respective sports, partially because of their similar personality traits.

Fugett, a former glider who has switched to a spin technique, threw a school-record 15.3 meters in the shot put, smashing the current record by more than a foot on Jan. 31. Turner set a record in the 200-meter fly with a time of 2:31.33 on Jan. 24 and in the 100-meter fly with a time of 1:08.41 on Jan. 31.

While there is a stark disparity in height among other things, the similarities seem to start at the hard work done by both student-athletes. The coaches for each team rave about the amount of work the athletes have put in to get to the point where they are setting records.

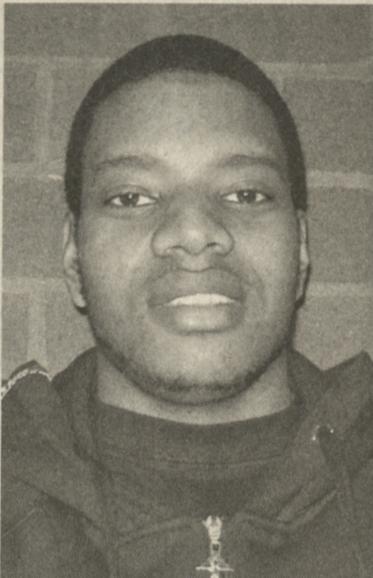
"Brandon is one of the hardest workers on the team," said Kevin Lucas, the Sea Gulls' track and field coach. "This year he seems focused and knows what he wants to accomplish. He's pretty driven."

Meanwhile, Jill Stephenson, Salisbury's assistant athletic director and swimming coach, credits senior leadership for helping Turner develop the hard working tendencies that has attributed to her success.

"Last year, coming in as a freshman, she aligned herself with the senior girls and the girls



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that are really working hard rather than the girls that hang back," Stephenson said. "I think that has made a big difference. She has a great work ethic and has been a factor in that lane and keeping everyone motivated."

Fugett and Turner credit off-season training as part of the reason for their record-setting performances.

"Winter term training was great. We all came to practice and worked really hard," Turner said. "Jill was really pleased and our times started to drop, which is what is supposed to happen."

"It's just about a lot of hard work, a lot of hours in the weight room, and a lot of cold days outside, especially this winter," Fugett said.

The hard work is not just for Turner and Fugett's considerable individual accomplishments, be-

cause their main goal continues to be the success of their teams. "I expect my team to win CAC's," Fugett said. "And of course for everyone's grades to be good."

Going forward in the season the role of both players is imperative to the success of the Sea Gulls' teams.

"[Fugett's] performance is very vital, he's obviously our number one thrower," Lucas said. "He could be a conference champion in three events, that's 30 points right there."

Turner will look to continue her team's success and assault on records at the CAC Championships and Fugett continues his season at the Lafayette Rider Invitational in New York, both beginning on Feb. 13.

A: How far would you like to take your athletic career?  
CM: I'd like to go as far as possible.

A: What other sport would you play if not basketball?  
CM: Basketball.

## Athlete Spotlight

### Chris McGrew

CM: Baseball.

AA: How do you keep yourself motivated through a long season?  
CM: Work hard and try to improve my game every day.

**"Right now I'm just trying to focus on school and basketball."**

Chris McGrew  
Center

AA: If you could have any job what would it be?  
CM: Not sure, but I think just being a millionaire is all right.

AA: What was the most rewarding moment in your sporting career?  
CM: I'd have to say winning in the playoffs in my senior year at Paint Branch.

AA: What was the worst moment in your sporting career?  
CM: Losing in the high school playoffs.

AA: What other sport would you play if not basketball?  
CM: Basketball.

## Lax 2009 Preview

MEN

By Fred Hobbs  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury Sea Gulls men's lacrosse team are the two-time defending NCAA Division III national champions. The Gulls are ranked No. 1 in Lacrosse Magazine's NCAA Division III Men's Lacrosse Preseason Poll. Team captain senior Kyler Berkman, senior Kevin Maynard, senior Tim O'Branian and junior Mike Von Kamecke will lead this year's team. This season, the team is bringing in more freshmen than in recent seasons. "This team has potential, we have holes to fill and the new-comers have to step up. We have 12-14 good offensive players. Still putting pieces to the puzzle," Berkman said. "We have a lot of good games this season against south teams. Lynchburg, Gettysburg and Stevenson." Come support the Sea Gulls in their season opener Feb. 15 at 1 p.m. as they travel on to Scranton University at Sea Gull Stadium.

## WOMEN

By Edward Baird  
Staff Writer

The No. 3 women's lacrosse team is preparing for yet another season under eight-year head coach Jim Nestor. The Gulls had only one blemish all of last year that unfortunately came in the NCAA semifinals against Hamilton. "It is on the back of their minds. We ended the season on a bad note. It's there and also gives the players extra motivation to do the things they are constantly doing, the extra work," Nestor said. The Gulls are expected to be in the running for a national championship this year. "It is not championship or bust this season. Even though we came up short, we had a great season. We want to improve our performance. The expectations are there though, but we still have to take one game at a time to hopefully lead us back to the final four," Nestor said.

The Gulls begin their season on Feb. 18 when they host Christopher Newport University at 3 p.m.

## Men's basketball lose three

Now hold 6-5 conference record, fourth place in CAC



Daniel McFarland photo

Salisbury hosts Wesley (15-6, 11-1) Saturday night. The Gulls lost to Wesley, making it their third conference game lost and leaving them with a 6-5 conference record and a fourth place holding in the CAC.

By Jeremy Kummer  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury men's basketball team (9-12, 6-6) has dropped three straight conference games after winning four in a row. Last Monday night, Salisbury welcomed 18-4 St. Mary's College of Maryland to Maggs Gym and lost by 15 points. Greg Palmer scored a team high 17 points but Salisbury could not match up with the CAC's second place team. The loss gave Salisbury a 6-5 in conference record and moved them into fourth place in the CAC.

Salisbury University hosted first place Wesley (15-6, 11-1) last Saturday in a game that could have shaken up the CAC standings. The first half was completely dominated by the Sea Gulls who were up 26-11 by the end of the half. Due to Salisbury's stifling defense, it took Wesley almost five minutes to score their first point. Salisbury clinched the momentum from the opening tip and appeared to have

the game well in control up to the halftime buzzer. "We played really well in the first half. We made our shots, played good defense, and stepped up our intensity," said senior forward Sean Whittaker. Wesley also helped Salisbury by going 0-11 from the three-point arc.

The second half was a completely different story. The first four minutes were much of the same for Salisbury as they resumed where they left off. However, at about the 17-minute mark in the second half, an extremely controversial, flagrant foul was called on starting point guard Devin Jones. "The foul was called at a very pivotal point in the game, and as a result, momentum clearly shifted to Wesley," said graduate student Todd Ostrom.

Salisbury now goes on a two-game road trip as they play Gallaudet and Stevenson on Feb. 11 and Feb. 14. Marymount and Hood then come to Salisbury as the Sea Gulls try to cement their birth in the CAC playoffs, which begin Feb. 24.

## Baseball 2009 Preview

By Ben Muell  
Staff Writer

The SU baseball team starts the season ranked No. 9 in the country after going 41-4 last year and are en route to securing their third straight CAC title. The experience laden Gulls will be led by D3baseball.com's pre-season first team All-American senior second baseman Randy Boyle and pre-season second team All-American sophomore C/OF Andrew Miller. Division I transfer junior Ryan Smith will spend the majority of the time behind the dish handling staff ace Eric Willey and sophomore southpaw Dustin Herbert, both of whom look to improve on stellar 2008 campaigns. The maroon and gold enter this season with high hopes and head coach Doug Fleetwood mentioned "they will have to stay very focused and do the right things on the field" in order to be successful.

## Softball 2009 Preview

By Kaitlyn Sullivan  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's softball team returns to the field with high expectations for another outstanding season. "We have 17 hardworking and dedicated players on and off the field," head coach Margie Knight said.

The game started to get a little bit testy as tempers began to flare up. There were several stoppages in the second half to calm down and diffuse arguments between players. "We need to have a little more poise when things start to go against us," Whittaker said. "We lost our composure and it threw our game off."

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"We are an even better hitting team, which I think will scare our opponents," Knight said. "We've also improved our defense to help prevent errors."

"I think we will be prepared mentally and physically when we step on the field," Knight said.

FEBRUARY 10, 2009 THE FLYER

## SU defeats Wesley on a Johnson buzzer beater

By Tom Watson  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury University women's basketball team (6-15, 6-6) tallied a big conference victory last Monday night when they defeated St. Mary's College 76-59 for the second time this season.

The Gulls started the game on a 13-4 run and never looked back, shooting 52 percent from the floor, their best all season. Junior forwards Kylie Hall and Janay Johnson led the Sea Gulls to victory with Hall pulling down a season-high 18 rebounds paired with 16 points while Johnson was busy sinking a team-high 22 points, her third 20-plus performance in the last five games.

The team was at it again Saturday afternoon, facing off against Wesley College in "Take a Kid to the Game" day. Parents and their children, youth groups and students alike came out to watch the thrilling game.

Outside it was beautiful sunny blue skies, but no one told the Salisbury women's team as the real excitement occurred inside the gymnasium with Salisbury defeating Wesley on a last second, game-winning shot.

The first half belonged to Salisbury as they headed into the locker room holding a nine-point lead. However, the momentum quickly shifted to the Wolverines as they held Salisbury scoreless for the first five minutes of the second half, allowing Wesley to close the gap and tie the game in a contest that saw

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After a Wolverine basket to tie

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